



OAK GROVE BAPTIST NEWSLETTER
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PASTOR'S CORNER
Rev. Albert Downing

Inza and I want to thank you for our First Anniversary at OGBC. What a powerful and blessed celebrating it was! The Praise Team did a marvelous job, the choir sung with jubilation and lots of expression. We had an anointed and on-time word from the Lord. The food and the decorations were simply OUTSTANDING! Plus, we owe a big thanks to Mr. David Williams for taking those pictures and putting them in DVD format....THANKS.

Most of all THANKS to you OGBC Family for what you did and for coming out. We sincerely thank you for those kinds gifts you presented to us and the various expressions of love and gratitude you demonstrated toward us. We are grateful to you and for everything you have done and continue to do.

I want to share a scripture with you and I think is very benefiting for you and the occasion.

“He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward (Matthew 10:40-42 KJV).”

I believe that as long as you gave from the heart and whether your gift was large or small, God will reward you. Notice, the scripture say (not Downing) by receiving me (as you have) it's like receiving Him. When you received a prophet (one who speaks on the behalf of God) you receive a prophet's reward. Or a righteous man, or give a drink of cold water to these little ones (or less of those) shall not lose his reward. God has reward on mind for you when you bless and receive His messenger or one of His children.

OGBC again Inza and I sincerely thank you and we're praying for you as you pray for us.

Don't forget September 10 -11 we travel to Plymouth, NC. We are departing OGBC Saturday morning at 6:00am and depart from Plymouth Sunday after morning worship services. We should be back in Columbia by 7:00pm.

In October the A.L. Downing Ministries will host another Word Explosion at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center from October 13-15. The schedule is as follows:

- October 13, Thursday
7:00pm.....Kenneth Copeland
- October 14, Friday
9:00am.....Chaplain A.L. Downing
- October 14, Friday
10:00am.....Pastor Bill Winston
- October 14, Friday
7:00pm.....Kenneth Copeland
- October 15, Saturday
9:00am.....Pastor Bill Winston
- October 15, Saturday
10:00am.....Kenneth Copeland

Be Bless and know that Inza and I love you and are praying for you and..... Jesus is Lord!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



FOR AUGUST

Bro. Benny Shatler	2
Sis. Roxanne Thomas	3
Sis. Bobbie Scott	4
Sis. Pam Grant	4
Bro. James R. Ross Jr.	4
Sis. Chiquita Thompson	4
Bro. Tyrone Davis	6
Sis. Brendolyn Blanding	10
Sis. Jetheree Kimble	11
Sis. Bernadette Mayer	11
Sis. Wanda Collier	12
Sis Inez Holmes	13
Sis. Hope Ball	14
Sis. Jane' Gary	14
Sis. Alexseia Brown	15
Bro. Howard Scott	15
Bro. Samuel Davis	16
Bro. Vernon Dean	18
Bro. Terence Williams	20
Bro. Alphonso McCollum	23
Sis. Anita L. Howard	25
Sis. Juanita Stewart	25
Sis. Brenda Jones	25
Min. Sara Martin	26
Sis. Wanda Blanding	29
Sis. Tianna Randolph	31

BEST WISHES TO ALL

Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a birthday in this, the month of August. If you would like your upcoming birthday to appear in the Newsletter please give the date of it to Rev. Ball. Also we announce anniversaries.

Happy 36th Wedding Anniversary to Bro. Walter and Rev. Gladys Ball as of Aug. 3rd.

Scripture of the Month:

“And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.”

1 Samuel 30:6

When things are not going the way you plan remember in encourage yourself in the Lord.

To Our Youth:

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Philippians 4:13

As you prepare to go back to school, you have a new chance to do better. You may have not don't well last school year. But remember if you pray and do your part you will do better this year. If you did well last year, maintain.

Picnic Review

The church picnic was great. Good food and great fellowship. Our hat's off to the cooks and servers.

BTU

What Baptist Believe was very enlightening. Bishop Woodard taught as only he can. The youth class was a success. We enjoyed the fellowship afterward. We are looking forward to the next BTU.

Not so Random Sayings..

A birth certificate shows you were born.
A death certificate shows you have died.
A photo album shows you have lived.
Every month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.....

'Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.'

A sharp tongue can cut your own throat.

If you want your dreams to come true, you mustn't oversleep.

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

The best vitamin for making friends..... B1.

The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.

The heaviest thing you can carry is a grudge..

One thing you can give and still keep...is your word.

You lie the loudest when you lie to yourself.

If you lack the courage to start, you have already finished.

One thing you can't recycle is wasted time.

Ideas won't work unless ' You' do.

Your mind is like a parachute...it functions only when open.

The 10 commandments are not a multiple choice.

The pursuit of happiness is the chase of a lifetime!

It is never too late to become what you might have been.

Friends are like balloons; once you let them go, you might not get them back. Sometimes we get so busy with our own lives and problems that we may not even notice that we've let them fly away.

Sometimes we are so caught up in who's right and who's wrong that we forget what's right and wrong.

Though no one can go back and make a ****brand new start****, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

At times, when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in Him.

By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but know that it is still God Who moves the mountains.

When everything seems to go wrong.....Just P.U.S.H.

When the job gets you down.....Just P.U.S.H.

When people don't do as you think they should.....Just P.U.S.H.

When your money is "gone" and the bills are due.....Just P.U.S.H.

When people just don't understand you.....Just P.U.S.H.

P = Pray
U = Until
S = Something
H = Happens